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22 April 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chiefs, FBIS Field Bureaus

FROM: Acting Chief, FBIS

SUBJECT: Letter of Instruction

GENERAL

1. Air Technical Intelligence Center provided a film strip and sound recordings made in Moscow of Marshal Zhukov's 22 February Army-Navy Day speech, which was televised but not broadcast nor otherwise published in full. The speech was translated and disseminated as an FBIS Radio Propaganda Report, and the film was turned over to OCD for custody. A number of clear pictures were obtained. Contact by the Chief Engineer, FBID, with RCA revealed that equipment for simultaneous recording of pictures and sound from television broadcasts has been developed in the laboratory, but is not yet practicable nor economical for routine use. [redacted] 50X1
2. The investigation of locations in Bangkok for emergency Southeast Asian coverage by [redacted] achieved favorable results from a monitoring point of view. No serious obstacles to the establishment of a small FBIS monitoring station at a suitable site are envisaged, should a move from Saigon become necessary. [redacted] 50X1
3. The Caribbean Command concurred in the FBIS proposal to survey military locations in Puerto Rico for a Latin-American FBIS cruising post. [redacted], Chief, Broadcast Information Section, will make the survey in late April. [redacted] 50X1
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4. A series of reports from the Mediterranean Bureau concerning unusual static interference appear to bear some correlation with the nuclear tests conducted during the month in Nevada. A series of special observations and recordings have been made and a report of pertinent information is under preparation for OSI to study with scientific skepticism. [redacted] 50X1
5. Distribution was made of the FBIS compilation of the Free Greece Radio's "Fighter's Seminar" broadcasts of 1954. [redacted] 50X1

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6. Evaluations of Baltic area material by major intelligence offices and USIA indicated sufficient consumer support to justify this monitoring activity, and representations were therefore made to the BBC to continue its Stockholm project. BBC also reported a strong British demand for this activity. [redacted]

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7. Experimental monitoring of Byelorussian regional broadcasts was undertaken by the German Bureau, to supplement Cyprus and Stockholm coverage, and to indicate potentialities of West Germany in monitoring Soviet regional broadcasts. [redacted]

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8. Because of an outbreak of violence in Cyprus, the Mediterranean Bureau was authorized to increase the station guard. There has been no violence in Kyrenia and none directed at Americans. [redacted]

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9. [redacted] Chief Engineer, FBID, [redacted] Chief Engineer, East Coast Bureau, and [redacted] Engineer, ECF, attended the Institute of Radio Engineers 1955 National Convention in New York City during the period 21-24 March. Their attendance was worthwhile from the standpoint of orientation in late developments and trends in the electronics industry. [redacted]

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10. Okinawa construction: [redacted]

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a. The current housing construction project is 85 per cent complete. Two houses have already been accepted from the contractor. A contract was awarded on 30 March for eight additional structures, to commence on completion of the present project.

b. The storage quonset building at Bolo Point is 60 per cent completed.

11. Editorial Comment

a. All Bureaus [redacted]

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1. Reporting of Supreme Soviet sessions of the Soviet Republics has been extremely well handled.

2. Bureaus are again reminded that items mentioning the Director or the Agency should be reported expeditiously, by the appropriate means.

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b. Mediterranean Bureau

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1. The Bureau is to be complimented on the accurate and steady work shown in reporting both the Ukrainian CP livestock decision and Kirichenko's speech, in February.

2. The Georgian copy is warmly received and much appreciated.

3. Editors are reminded to send as texts or summaries, not as briefs, items mentioning Republican Ministers and Deputy Ministers.

c. German Bureau

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While experimental processing of Western USSR regional material adds needed depth to coverage of that area, in forming judgment on what should be filed to Washington, editors should study the DAILY REPORTS to determine what is being utilized. Material filed so far has generally been too low level. Press reviews have yielded the best material, but they, too, have suffered from unusable extraneous detail and low level content. Of particular interest for DAILY REPORT and Radio Propaganda Branch use are editorials from leading newspapers and reports on governmental or Party decrees, meetings, or personnel changes from the oblast level up. Other routine information such as reports on political or cultural events or information on industrial or farm output below the oblast level, including shortcomings as well as production figures, should be briefed, the latter principally for economic abstracts.

d. Hokkaido Bureau

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During a recent fairly typical week it was estimated that 75 per cent of the Bureau's file consisted of summaries which contained a core of hard fact but were too diffuse to warrant publication in the DAILY REPORT without major condensation. It is suggested that items which contain personnel or economic data, but are not otherwise significant, be processed as name or economic briefs. Listed below are some recent examples of how material was used:

H010450 Kemerovo Oblast Regional, Feb. 251145: Fifty-line summary was divided into three separate economic briefs, each under 20 lines.

H022345 Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk, Feb. 262205: Thirty-line summary was cut to 15-line economic brief.

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H021500 Bircbidzhan, Mar. 020800: Thirty-three line summary compressed to 15-line economic brief.

H020900 Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk, Feb. 250205: Forty-eight line summary was cut to 20-line economic brief.

e. Tokyo Bureau

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Editors should keep in mind that corrections sent in reply to Washington requests should be fully identified and properly slugged. This will facilitate correct distribution and all interested sections will benefit.

f. Okinawa Bureau

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1. AFP items from Manila should be briefed by the elimination of correspondent's padding and the weeding out of unessential background.

2. Processing of bulky and difficult Numeral Code material continues to be greatly appreciated. There is some evidence, however, of too hasty editing of copy. There is also considerable inconsistency in the use of "farmer" for "peasant" in Chinese copy, and of terms "laborers" and "workers" in Korean copy. These inconsistencies are particularly noticeable when the names of organizations are involved.

g. West Coast Bureau

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Australasian material requires further briefing, but editorial opinion and significant developments not already exploited by the press services should, of course, be preserved.

2. Propaganda Analysis Comment

a. Bureaus are once more reminded that when any Communist broadcast cites statements or writing of eminent Communist leaders--e.g., Molotov speech, Stalin interview, Kuo Mo-Jo article--the substance of the quotation must be reported: it is insufficient merely to note (Molotov quoted--ed.).

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b. Requests for the appointment of three analysts have so far been made as a result of the Radio Propaganda Branch Deputy's recruiting trip.

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c. During March all bureaus supplied roundups for a report on world reaction to the release of the Yalta papers, and the London analysis section contributed to a study of Soviet and Satellite propaganda on emigres and Western agents. Other Radio Propaganda

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Reports examined the respective bases of power in the Malenkov-Khrushchev struggle and provided the text of an unbroadcast Army-Navy day speech by Marshal Zhukov. Papers given limited distribution outlined Soviet propaganda on exchanges of delegates with the United States (for the Director), described East German propaganda related to the reported Paulus meeting with ex-Wehrmacht officers, and reviewed Soviet propaganda on India since 1946 (for USIA). [redacted]

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13. Administration

a. To protect Agency interest in possible conflicts of laws governing Agency security and those governing criminal acts, it is essential that any violation of criminal law arising in connection with any matter under official jurisdiction be reported immediately. Accordingly any information, allegation, or complaint relating to FBIS employees or activities will be reported immediately upon receipt to Chief, FBIS without waiting for the completion of any investigation. [redacted]

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b. Travel vouchers and refunds on travel advances must be submitted promptly. Travel vouchers should be submitted as soon after completion of travel as is possible. Temporary duty travel of extended duration should be vouchered monthly and not held until the traveler returns to his permanent duty station. [redacted]

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c. Accounting for Advances of Funds received for training purposes should be submitted immediately upon payment of tuition and/or related costs. [redacted]

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d. Attention is invited to the fact that GEHA Health and GEHA Life Insurance are open for enrollment at any time upon submission of a Health Statement. Blanks are available from the Headquarter Administrative Office. [redacted]

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e. The following FBIS issuances have not previously been reported:

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3. Transfers:

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4. Separations:

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